

Celebrate the brand new year

Join us as we welcome a brand new year and continue the tradition of our celebration in the Village. The Mayor and the Friendship Heights Village Council invite Village residents to celebrate at a New Year's Day Open House to be held on **Sunday**, **Jan. 1**, **from 2 to 4 p.m** at the Village Center.

This is an opportunity to mingle with friends and neighbors in a relaxed and cordial atmosphere. You can drop in anytime between 2 and 4 and enjoy light refreshments by Ridgewell's Caterers. We hope you'll join us in keeping this grand tradition.



Broadway's biggest blockbuster is coming to Washington. Join us for a matinee performance of the Tony Award winning *Wicked* at the Kennedy Center on **Wednesday**, **Jan. 11**.

Wicked is the tale of two unlikely friends who grow up to become the witches of Oz, Glinda the Good Witch and the Wicked Witch of the West. Their story makes for a spellbinding musical. The New York Observer called Wicked "an irresistible extravaganza of music, magic, artistry, and enchantment" Wicked has won 15

major awards, including a Grammy and three Tony Awards.

Wicked stars Stephanie Block, who played opposite Hugh Jackman in *The Boy from Oz* on Broadway, and Kendra Kassebaum, who performed in the Broadway productions of *Assassins* and *Rent*. Also starring are two Broadway veterans known for their award winning roles in films and television: David Garrison from "Married with Children" and Carol Kane who played Simka on continued on page 2



Williamsburg for the holidays

Spend the day amid colonial holiday grandeur when we travel to historic Williamsburg on **Tuesday, Dec. 13.**

We'll depart from the Village Center at 8 a.m. and should return by 11 p.m.

During our trip, we'll dine at a colonial tavern, tour the Governor's Palace and the Capitol, and visit select trade shops and museums with our guide. Lunch will be at King's Arms Tavern, an 18th-century chop house, where we'll enjoy a green salad, chicken pot pie, and vanilla ice cream with macaroons.

Following lunch, our costumed guide will show us the sites of this colonial capitol, all decked out for the holidays. You'll also have time to shop for everything from toys to tavernware at Merchants Square. On the way home, we'll stop at Indian Fields Tavern, a restored turn-of-the-century farmhouse, for a dinner featuring regional Virginia fare.

The cost of the trip is \$132 per person and includes transportation, admission, guided tour, lunch, dinner, and gratuities.

Sign up by Dec. 6 at the Village Center. There are 24 spaces available. This trip involves some stairs and a great deal of walking, with periodic stops.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

We're going to Somerset with SKIP

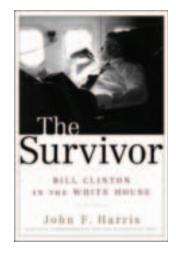
Join us on **Wednesday, Dec. 14,** when we take SKIP on the road and visit the newly renovated Somerset Elementary School. There we will take part in the annual tradition of making gingerbread houses with the kindergartners. We'll leave the center at 9 a.m. and should return by 10:30 a.m. Through SKIP (Somerset Kids Participating), a program that teams kindergarten children with local senior citizens, both children and senior citizens have the opportunity to learn from and enjoy each other's company.

SKIP will continue each month through the end of the school year. Anyone interested in being a SKIP volunteer is asked to call the Village Center at 301 656-2797. Volunteers may attend any or all of the sessions.

A look at the Clinton years

John F. Harris, a *Washington Post* reporter and editor who covered the Clinton presidency for six years, will discuss his book, *The Survivor: Bill Clinton in the White House*, at the Village Center on **Monday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m**. Mr. Harris's book has been described as the best study of the Clinton administration written to date.

Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797. Copies of the book, provided by Politics and Prose Bookstore, will be available for sale. This event was originally scheduled for Sept. 22.



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"Taxi." *Wicked* features music and lyrics by Grammy and Academy Award winner Stephen Schwartz and is directed by Tony winner Joe Mantello.

We will leave the Village Center at 11:45 a.m. and arrive in time for lunch in the KC Café (on your own) before the show. We should return by 4:45 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes transportation, a seat in the Orchestra, and driver gratuity, is \$112. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up Dec. 14. There are 29 spaces available.



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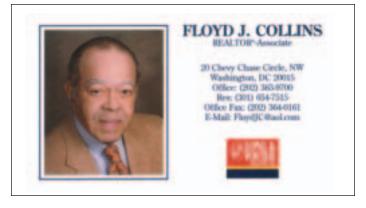
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An afternoon with Andy Warhol

One of the most influential and iconic artists of the 20th century, Andy Warhol challenged many basic cultural assumptions, including traditional distinctions between popular culture and fine art, prints and paintings, and art. Join us on **Thursday**, **Jan. 19**, when we tour "Warhol Legacy" at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

This exhibit features more than 150 paintings, photographs, drawings and sculptures from the permanent collection of The Andy Warhol Museum.

Before our museum visit, we'll enjoy lunch at Café des Artistes at the Corcoran. Our menu will include warm turkey baguette with sliced smoked turkey, Brie, and cranberry-apple chutney and a petite salad, and miniature brownies with fresh fruit for dessert. Iced tea, coffee or tea is also included.

We'll depart from the Village Center at 10:45 a.m. and should return by 3:45 p.m.

The cost of the trip, which includes transportation, lunch, guided tour, admission to the Corcoran and all gratuities, is \$44.

Residents may sign up immediately; nonresidents beginning Dec. 14. There are 29 spaces available.

'Damn Yankees'at Arena Stage

A few tickets remain for the trip to Arena Stage on **Wednesday**, **Dec. 14** to see *Damn Yankees*. This production is directed by Molly Smith and stars Broadway veterans Matt Bogart, Alice Ripley and Brad Oscar.

Get into the holiday spirit by enjoying a holiday cookie and a cup of hot cider before boarding the bus. On the way home, we will drive by the National Christmas tree on the Ellipse and the U.S. Capitol Holiday tree.

We will leave the Center at 6 p.m. and return before 11 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes an Orchestra seat, transportation, and driver gratuity, is \$63.

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Bamberger Series presents'A musical evening with Julian Bond'

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond will discuss the history of race in America in a talk entitled "Crossing the Color Line: From Rhythm and Blues to Rock and Roll" at the Village Center Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. In a Bamberger Series lecture illustrated with slides

and accompanied by music, Mr. Bond will trace

the melding of gospel music, jazz, country and western, rhythm and blues into rock and roll.

Julian Bond has been an active participant in the civil rights movement from his student days in the '60s to his current position as Chairman of the Board of the NAACP. Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797.



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Wild animals in Washington

Come enjoy a slide show of animal sculptures in Washington when Nancy Arbuthnot and Cathy Abramson talk about their book, *Wild Washington; Animal Sculptures A*



to Z, at the Village Center on **Friday**, **Dec. 9**, **at 1 p.m.**

Ms. Arbuthnot, an English professor, and Ms. Abramson, an artist, wrote and illustrated this book that has poems, stories and illustrations for all the letters of the alphabet. From the Anteater at the National Zoo to the zebra on the Smithsonian Carousel, the nation's capital has an abundance of animal sculptures.

Afterwards, stay for a cup of hot chocolate and animal crackers and a chance to win a copy of *Wild Washington*. Copies of the book will also be available for sale—what a great holiday gift! Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797.



Jules Witcover to speak at Center

Jules Witcover, who has covered American politics for more than 50 years, will discuss his book, *The Making of an Ink-Stained Wretch: Half a Century Pounding the Political Beat*, at the Village Center on **Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m.**

Please sign up in advance by calling the Village Center at 301-656-2797. Copies of the book, provided by Politics and Prose Bookstore, will be available for sale.

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PLAYING on the BIG SCREEN

All movies now begin at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. — Booksigning with Steve Roberts.

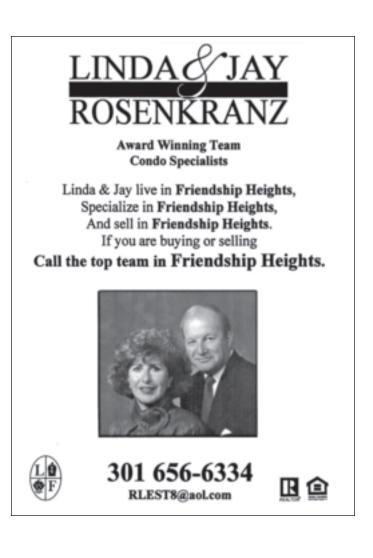
Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. — An Evening with Julian Bond. See page 4 for details.

Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m. — Café Muse. See page 14 for details.

Thursday, Dec. 22 , Robots— Ewan McGregor stars as the voice of Rodney Copperbottom, an idealistic robot who wants to convince his electronic brethren to come together and work toward making the world a better place. As the story unfolds, Rodney faces opposition from an evil corporation headed by Big Weld and finds some unlikely allies in the form of a ragtag group of misfit robots called the Rusties. Also features the voices of Mel Brooks, Drew Carey and Stanley Tucci. Rated PG. Running Time: 89 minutes.

Thursday, Dec. 29 — Fever Pitch. Ben is a highschool teacher who meets Lindsay, who has a successful career in business. Ben and Lindsay don't appear to have much in common on the surface, but they hit it off and are soon involved in a serious romance. But when spring rolls around, Lindsay becomes aware of the true love of Ben's life—the Boston Red Sox. Despite the team's lamentable record, Ben has been a fiercely loyal Red Sox fan since childhood, and Lindsay finds it hard to compete with passion for baseball. Ben is soon forced to choose between the obsessions of his youth and the enthusiasms of a responsible adult. This movie was shot in part in Boston during the 2004 baseball season, which to the surprise of the filmmakers saw the Red Sox winning baseball's World Series for the first time since 1918. Stars Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon. Rated PG. Running Time: 98 minutes.





FRIENDSHIP GALLERY

Barbara French Pace to exhibit in Friendship Gallery

"A Sense of Place" is the title of an exhibit of photography and paintings by Barbara French Pace in the Friendship Gallery during the month of December.

A multifaceted artist, Ms. Pace interprets the world around her through photography, painting, and drawing. Interested in art since her youth, she has balanced her creative life with a career in foreign affairs analysis. Ms. Pace developed a serious interest in

photography while living overseas and initially worked exclusively in black and white. Over the past decade, she has shifted to color photography and now works almost exclusively with digital images. Her work won first place in a show in the mid-Atlantic region and was featured on the PBS program "About Town." Her paintings are exhibited primarily at Foundry Gallery, but she also exhibits at other locations in the Washington area and on the Eastern Shore.

The show runs from Dec. 2 to Dec. 31. All are invited to

Above, "After the Harvest," a painting, and photographs, "Old Bottles, San Donato Vineyard," and right, "Andean Mist," by Barbara French Pace

meet the artist at a reception on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 11:30 a.m. to **1:30 p.m.** Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Art work in the auditorium is occasionally not available for viewing because of certain activities in that room. Please check with the front desk receptionist when you arrive.





PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES. PARTICIPANTS MUST PAY FOR THE FULL SERIES. NO REFUNDS AFTER CLASS BEGINS.

NEW CLASSES

DRAWING AND PAINTING

A 10-week course for all skill levels, taught by Doris Haskel, begins on Dec. 5. Meets Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 for residents; \$70 for nonresidents. Session ends Feb. 27 (class will not meet on Dec. 26, Jan. 16 or Feb. 20).

FOOD FOR LIFE

An eight-week session of nutrition and cooking classes provided by the Cancer Project and taught by a team of nutritionists. Begins Jan. 18 and meets Wednesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. There is no cost but registration is a must. Please register for the entire series of 8 classes; maximum number of students is 30. More details on page 13. Residents may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up Dec. 10.

MAT PILATES

A 6-week session begins Jan. 3. Meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$70 for residents and \$80 for nonresidents. This particular class is not recommended for pregnant women or those with serious spinal conditions without a physician's approval. Instructor Ginger Russell has been certified by the *PhysicalMind Institute*. Please bring a Pilates/Yoga mat and bath towel. Session ends Feb. 7. Maximum number of students is 15.

PORTRAITURE IN PENCIL AND PASTEL

This 6-week class is taught by Marianne Winter and begins Jan. 11. Meets Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Students will concentrate on achieving likeness using photos or reproductions of artwork. Ms. Winter is an award-winning artist and photographer. Please bring a pad and pencil or pastel to the first class. The cost is \$60. (Maximum number of students is 8). Session ends Feb. 15.

STILL LIFE PAINTING

A 12-week course with noted artist Joan Samworth emphasizing the elements of art: line, color, texture, shape and value. Class is designed to meet the needs of all levels of experience. Advance at your own pace with individual critiques and instruction. Suggested media are pastels, watercolor, acrylics, color pencil. Supply list will be handed out first day of class. Begins Jan. 12. Meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (you may bring lunch – brown bag only). The cost is \$165 for residents; \$170 for nonresidents. Last class is March 30.

TAI CHI (Tuesday)

This 6-week session begins Dec. 20. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$30. Session ends Jan. 24.

TAI CHI (Thursday)

This 6-week session begins Dec. 22. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$30. Session ends Jan. 26.

YOGA (Daytime)

This 8-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and begins Jan. 22. Meets Sundays from 9 to 10:20 a.m. The session includes semi-strenuous postures, stretches, and coordinated breathing, as well as a quiet period for relaxation and meditation. Wear loose clothing,

bring a blanket or large towel and mat (can be purchased at class). Don't eat for 2 hours before class. The cost is \$80 for residents and \$95 for non-residents. Session ends March 19. Class will not meet Feb. 19. (Students who must miss a class may make it up in the Monday class with the instructor's permission).

YOGA (Evening)

This 8-week class in Hatha Yoga for beginning and continuing students is taught by Robin Dinerman and begins Jan. 23. Meets Mondays from 7:30 to 8:50 p.m. See description above. The cost is \$80 for residents and \$95 for non-residents. Session ends March 20. Class will not meet Feb. 20. (Students who must miss a class may make it up in the Sunday class).

ONGOING GROUPS, CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREEN-ING/SUBURBAN NURSE

A Suburban Hospital nurse is on hand to offer free blood pressure screenings Tuesdays from 1 to 2:45 p.m. only. The nurse is also available for consultations Tuesdays from 3 to 5 p.m.

COFFEE AND CURRENT EVENTS

This long-running discussion group meets informally every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Led by group members.

CONCERTS

Free live music is presented every Wednesday throughout the year at 7:30 p.m. Following "Special Lunch" each month there is a free concert at

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1 p.m. Check the calendar and concert page for each week's performance information. No registration is required. All are welcome.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Book lovers participate in lively presentations and discussions of works, usually taken from the Great Books series. Leadership is rotated among group members. Meets Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Jean McNelis at 301-656-6695.

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

Free assistance offered by the Maryland Cooperative Extension's Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program. Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Call 301-590-2819 for an appointment; walk-ins are welcome.

MOVIES

All are invited to enjoy a movie and popcorn most Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. at the Village Center. There is no cost.

SCRABBLE

This active group of Scrabble players meets at the Center every Thursday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

TEA TIME

Village residents and their guests are invited to tea every Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. Hot beverages, cookies and fruit are served by Village volunteers. There is no cost.

VILLAGE PLAY TIME

Children of all ages are welcome to be together at the Village Center

most Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Games, toys and play equipment will be set out in the auditorium for their enjoyment. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver, friend or family member over age 13.

VISION TRANSITIONS

Low vision doesn't have to mean "no vision." These free monthly meetings offer education and support for people with vision problems. Sponsored by the Prevention of Blindness Society, Vision Transitions meets one Tuesday evening a month at the Village Center and features talks by guest

speakers. To register, call 301-656-2797. For more information about Vision Transitions, call 202-234-1010 or visit www.youreyes.org.

WALKING CLUB

Leaves the Center every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. for a walk through a nearby neighborhood. Contact Helen Davis, 301-718-6340, or Marjorie Yahraes, 240-497-0050 for more information.

YIDDISH

Meets Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. to speak and read in Yiddish. Contact Maurice Singer at 202-362-0883 for details.

Improve your quality of life

Kathy Ward will return to the Village Center on **Wednesday**, **Dec. 7**, **at 3:30 p.m.** to present another workshop on nurturing wellness and improving one's quality of life.

Kathy, a Village resident, is a Recreation Therapy Consultant, group psychotherapist, and co-founder of WEL, World Elder Land™. She has dedicated the last 10 years to improving life for senior citizens and their communities.

Her new book, *Journal for a Better Life*, is a compilation of testing and implementing better ways to sustain a healthy body, mind and spirit. Please call the Center at 301-656-2797 to reserve a seat. Her July workshop was very popular and we expect a crowd. There will be a drawing for a signed copy of *Journal for a Better Life*.

Better investment strategies for today's retirees

Financial consultant Zachary Karr of A. G. Edwards & Sons will conduct a seminar at the Village Center on **Tuesday**, **Dec. 13**, **at 10 a.m.** that will help you learn how your investments might work harder for you during your retirement.

There is no cost for this seminar, but please let us know you are coming by calling the Center at 301-656-2797. Refreshments will be served.

This month's Vision Transitions

December's topic is "Sight Challenges in the Real World; Keeping up with Eye Contact and Body Language at Work and Play." Patrick Sheehan and Janet Morrison will lead the discussion on **Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** at the Village Center. To register, call 301-656-2797. For more information about Vision Transitions, call 202-234-1010 or visit www.youreyes.org.

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CONCERTS

Concerts are performed Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Huntley Hall. Before entering the auditorium, please turn off any cell phones or electronic devices. If you arrive after the concert has begun, please wait for a break in the performance before entering.

Wednesday, Dec. 7 — Vocal Express. Vocal Express was founded in 1955 with 12 singers. Created to perform American popular tunes in year-round shows, the group performs show tunes, popular songs, country, calypso, jazz and rock 'n' roll. Vocal Express has appeared at the National Theatre's "Monday at The National" and at private engagements throughout the Washington area.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 — Renaissance Revelers. In this holiday program, costumed madrigal singers will perform medieval and Renaissance music, both sacred and secular, in original languages including Latin, Old English, French, Italian, German, Spanish and English. The Renaissance Revelers' music is mostly a cappella, though some pieces are accompanied by a recorder, guitar and, occasionally, drums and tambourines.

Wednesday, Dec. 21 — Young Artists Recital of the Friday Morning Music Club. Student members of the Friday Morning Music Club will present a recital of classical selections for this evenings's concert.

Wednesday, Dec. 28 — Alexandria Kleztet. Celebrate the holidays with this high energy group that blends a variety of musical genres to produce a unique klezmer sound.

Welcome the New Year with The Landon Symphonette

Please join us for a very special holiday program featuring some of the most talented young performers in the Washington area. Members of the Landon Symphonette will perform **Saturday**, **Jan. 7**, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Village Center. The symphonette is a unique group of talented musicians from Landon School and other area schools playing together with professionals in a mentoring relationship.

The program will include "Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Violins in A-Minor Op. 8 No. 3," performed by Brendan Shea and Jenny Lum; "Guitar Concerto in D-Major RV 93," also by Vivaldi, performed by Giorgia Cavallaro; and Bach's "B-Minor Flute Suite BWV 1067," performed by Christine Edewaard.

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TO YOUR HEALTH

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"Food for Life: Nutrition and Cooking Classes for Cancer Prevention and Survival" is the name of an eight-week series of classes that will be offered at the Village Center beginning **Jan. 18**. The course is presented by The Cancer Project, a collaborative effort of physicians, researchers, and nutritionists to educate individuals on the benefits of a healthy diet for cancer prevention and survival. Each class includes information about how certain foods and nutrients work to promote or discourage cancer growth, along with simple cooking demonstrations that can be recreated easily at home. Information on registering for the course is on page 10. The titles of classes are listed below:

Jan. 18 — Fueling Up on Low-Fat Foods

Jan. 25 — Favoring Fiber

Feb. 1 — Discovering Dairy Alternatives

Feb. 8 — Replacing Meat

Feb. 15 — Planning Healthy Meals

Feb. 22 — Antioxidants & Phytochemicals

March 1 — Immune-Boosting Foods

March 8 — Maintaining a Healthy Weight

Heart healthy for the holidays

This month's Suburban Lecture will be held on **Wednesday**, **Dec. 14, at 1 p.m**. Dr. Getu Assefa, a cardiologist in private practice, will discuss risk factors for heart disease and describe ways to modify those risks. Especially over the holidays, it is important to eat correctly, exercise and manage stress. He will also discuss some new means for diagnosing heart problems and treatment options, including minimally invasive therapies.

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Cafe Muse presents...

This month's Café Muse, on **Thursday**, **Dec. 15**, **at 7 p.m.**, presents Gival Press editor Robert Giron and poets Piotr Gwiazda, Kim Roberts, and J.D. Smith, reading from *Poetic Voices Without Borders*, an anthology of poems in English, French, and Spanish.

Piotr Gwiazda's poems have appeared in many magazines and his book, *Gagarin Street*, won the 2005 Washington Writers' Publishing House Poetry Contest.

Kim Roberts is the author of a book of poems, *The Wishbone Galaxy*, and editor of *Beltway Poetry Quarterly*, an on-line literary journal and resource bank for writers who live in the greater DC Metro region.

J.D. Smith is the author of *Settling for Beauty*. His one-act play, *Dig*, was produced by Chicago's Squaresville Theatre in 2003.

Classical guitar selections performed by Michael Davis are presented each month at 7 p.m. Attending poets are invited to participate in an open reading that concludes the Café Muse program. A sign-up sheet will be available at 7 p.m.

Café Muse is presented by The Village of Friendship Heights and The Word Works, a nonprofit literary organization that has sponsored public programs for more than 25 years. The evening is free, but please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 to let us know you are coming.

Another chance to try yoga

On **Monday, Dec. 5**, at **7:30 p.m.,** instructor Robin Dinerman will conduct a drop-in yoga class at the Village Center. Everyone is invited to attend. Wear loose clothing, bring a blanket or large towel, and mat. Don't eat for two hours before class. Donations for the B-CC Rescue Squad will be accepted in lieu of payment. This is an excellent way to do something good for yourself and the community at the same time!

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Development Proposal Withdrawn

Grosvenor USA Limited withdrew their application for development at 5500 Wisconsin Avenue. They had proposed a 90-foot condominium building on top of groundfloor retail at the intersection of South Park and Wisconsin Avenues. The Council had opposed the proposal following a presentation by Grosvenor in October. The Planning Board staff had decided to recommend against approval of the development, agreeing essentially with the Council's concerns expressed in a letter to the Planning Board.

Our thanks to the many residents who addressed the proposal at our October 11 Council meeting. Clearly there were a number of concerns, including the lack of a plan for the entire parcel, an inadequate public amenity, and the major disruption that construction would have brought.

Council action at the Nov. 14 public session:

• Held executive session under Section 10-508(a)(1)(i) of MD Code for personnel issues.

Village Concludes Flu Shot Clinics

Nearly 600 people received flu shots at three clinics held at the Village Center in October and November. We would like to thank the Visiting Nurses Association, as well as the many Village volunteers who assisted our staff in making the whole process run so smoothly.

Pedestrian Safety Improvements Progress



The sidewalk and curb at each corner of the South Park Avenue/Hills Plaza intersection are being extended to reduce the length of each crosswalk and increase visibility.



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